

HEADQUARTERS 30TH DIVISION  
CAMP JACKSON, S. C.

April 15, 1919.

FROM: Brigadier General S. L. Faison, U. S. A.  
TO: Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, 105th Engineers.  
SUBJECT: Commendation and Thanks.

1. I desire to thank you for the excellent paper you handed me in France, touching the history of the Section of the St. Quentin Canal, near Bellicourt, France, where the 30th Division won immortal glory in piercing the Hindenburg Line on September 29, 1918.

2. In the near future your organization will be demobilized and I take this opportunity to bid your splendid organization "good-bye." At Camp Sevier I was more than pleased with the splendid spirit of the organization. It responded promptly to discipline and took up its work of training with a spirit that lasted throughout its trying campaigns in Belgium and afterwards in France.

3. Devotion to duty and splendid discipline throughout the active campaigns in which the regiment was engaged were the keynotes to its magnificent achievements. The work done by the regiment was not only of inestimable value to the entire Division, but assisted very materially as well in the operations of the 2nd American Corps. You aided certain British units and also in repairing roads in quiet sectors of France after the Armistice.

4. The regiment has a record of which you may well be proud and for which you are very largely responsible.

My heartfelt thanks are extended to you and to the officers and men under your command, and my very best wishes for the future welfare of each and every one of you go with this letter.

S. L. FAISON,  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.